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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Mangano

Serial No.: 09/426,792

Group Art Unit: 1614

Filed: October 22, 1999

Examiner: P. Spivack

For: **METHODS FOR REDUCING
MORTALITY AND
MORBIDITY BY
POSTOPERATIVE
ADMINISTRATION OF A
PHARMACOLOGIC
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENT**

Attorney Docket No.: 9114-004-999

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**ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121
AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 8, 1999, in which the Examiner issued an election requirement, Applicant requests entry and consideration of the following remarks and amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

NE At page 11, line 33, after "coronary artery disease." please insert the sentence -
-Risk for coronary artery disease is suggested by previous or current vascular surgery or the presence of at least two cardiac risk factors.--

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 17-48 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for [preventing myocardial infarction] reducing
cardiovascular disease complications in a patient following surgery[, said method]